

WASHINGTON, DC—Representative Steve Driehaus today marked Catholic Schools Week, praising the importance of Catholic education for thousands of children and families in the United States. Speaking on the floor of the House of Representatives, Rep. Driehaus praised three Greater Cincinnati educators who have been honored this year by the National Catholic Education Association.

A transcript of Rep. Driehaus's remarks follows.

Remarks of Representative Steve Driehaus on Catholic Schools Week

U.S. House of Representatives

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Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to join students and families and educators across the country to mark this very important week, Catholic Schools Week.

For thousands of children in the United States—including my own—Catholic schools are laying the foundation for bright and successful futures while calling young people to service and fostering values that strengthen our families and our communities.

I want to congratulate three people in particular: Father Andrew Umberg, pastor of St. William parish in Cincinnati; Lisa Driggers, a teacher at St. James School in Green Township; and Tom Otten, principal of Elder High School, my alma mater, who have all been honored this year by the National Catholic Education Association.

This week we recognize them and other Catholic educators for their important contributions not only to education, but to their community and their country.